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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/13/08 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pozgay et al (US007079815B2) in view of Saxler (US007030428B2) and further in view of Khorram (U.S. US007088969B2).

Per claim 1, Pozgay discloses an apparatus (e.g. monolithic microwave integrated circuit transceiver) comprising: an antenna (see figure 1 and item 14); an GaAs amplifier (see item 28) (e.g. balanced amplifier of an MMICs) connect to the antenna; a first switch that connect a transmit path, connected to the amplifier, which provides a signal for amplification of the

amplifier; and a second switch that connect a receive path, connect to the amplifier, which a switch controller (the gain/phase control unit 22) that is programmed to adjust positions of the first and second switches (see column 1 and lines 50-67, column 3 and lines 34-column and lines 14). Pozgay doesn't expressly teach the switching between transmit or receive path of the antenna is after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed since a prior adjustment. It is clearly obvious that a transceiver antenna always switch back and forth between the transmitting and receiving mode and the time for each mode is predetermined based on the system clock. Therefore, it is obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further specify that each mode have its own time frame such that the remote terminal is about to synchronize with the transceiver when to receive or transmit. Pozgay doesn't teach that the amplifier is fabricated in GaN-based material. Saxler teaches that High electron mobility transistors can be fabricated in the gallium nitride/aluminum gallium nitride (GaN/AlGaN) material (see column 1 and lines 63). It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Saxler with Pozgay's device to have the potential to generate large amounts of PF power for the power amplifier in which Pozgay is trying to utilize (see column 1 and lines 65). Combination of Pozgay and Saxler does not teach the amplifier includes a plurality of AlGaN amplifiers connected such that each amplifier has a common drain connection and a common gate connection. Khorram teaches that an amplifier includes a plurality of transistors connected such that each amplifier has a common drain connection and a common gate connection (see figure 9, see abstract, column 10 and lines 60-column 11 and lines 25). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the

time the invention was made to combine the references to implement a linear, multiple stage power amplifier.

Per claim 2, Pozgay further teaches a switch (item 12) with an output connected to the amplifier, a first input connected to the received path and a second input connected to the transmit path (see figure 1).

Per claim 3, Pozgay further teaches a second switch (item 18), wherein the second switch has first switch positions connecting a signal for transmission to the antenna, and a second switch position connecting the receiving path to the antenna (see figure 1).

Per claim 4, Pozgay further teaches that a switch controller (see item 22) which controls the first and second switches to selectively connect the antenna to the amplifier for amplification of a received signal and the amplifier to the antenna for amplification of a signal for transmission (see column 4 and lines 14-18).

Per claim 5, Pozgay further teaches that the AlGaN amplifier comprises three amplifiers (item figure 1 and item 60-64).

Per claim 6, Pozgay further teaches a high frequency amplifier for transmitting and receiving. Although Pozgay doesn't teach that such amplifier is formed of high electron mobility

transistor (HEMT), it is well known in the art to have HEMT for using in a high frequency amplifier to provide to enhance amplification.

Per claim 7, Pozgay further teaches that the AlGaN amplifier are monolithic microwave integrated circuits (see column 2 and lines 1-4).

Per claim 8, Pozgay discloses a method for transmission and reception of signals comprising: setting a first switch (see figure 1 and item 18) to a first position, the first position connects a signal for transmission to an amplifier (see figure 2); setting a second switch to a first position, the first position connects the amplified signal for transmission to an antenna; setting the second switch, the second position connects a signal received from the antenna to a receive path; and setting the first switch, after the predetermined amount of time, to a second position, the second position connecting the receive path to the amplifier (see column 2 and lines 13-46). Pozgay doesn't expressly teach the switching between transmit or receive path of the antenna is after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed since a prior adjustment. It is clearly obvious that a transceiver antenna always switch back and forth between the transmitting and receiving mode and the time for each mode is predetermined based on the system clock. Therefore, it is obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further specify that each mode have its own time frame such that the remote terminal is about to synchronize with the transceiver when to receive or transmit. Pozgay doesn't teach that the amplifier is fabricated in GaN-based material. Saxler teaches that High electron mobility transistors can be fabricated in the gallium nitride/aluminum gallium nitride (GaN/AlGaN) material (see column 1 and lines 63).

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Per claim 9, Pozgay further teaches that the second switch is in the second position the amplified signal from the receive path is connected to receiver circuitry (see column 3 and line 50-column 4 and line 13).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUWEN PAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7855. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anderson D. Matthew can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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